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**Manthe**

2 messages

**Jill Schlude** <Jill.Schlude@como.gov>

Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 12:01 AM

To: Geoffrey Jones &lt;Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov&gt;

Chief,

When we spoke on 2/25/19 prior to me leaving town for the funeral, etc. it was my understanding that upon my return you wanted me to:

1. review all police reports involving Mr. Manthe in order to determine if there were any instances where we had probable cause to arrest him (or send a warrant request to the PA) and did not,
2. review all arrests of Mr. Manthe and document what action was taken (what we did arrest him for and why) and whether or not any further action could have been taken (additional charges that he potentially could have been arrested for and was not, and if so why),
3. review all police reports involving Mr. Manthe for any information in general that would refute allegations made in the Citizens for Justice videos

This information would then be placed into a report to be reviewed by MSHP for their review.

If this list is the correct scope of work I do not think it will be possible to have it completed 5 days from now, especially given the other duties I have. As you know, I just returned to work Monday. There are well over 150 pages of documents that Lydia provided me (these were the documents Mr. Wyse received in response to his Sunshine requests) and it does not include reports that were closed. I will need to get access to the old Records system in order to review those reports. I would also assume you want me to review any videos should any exist.

I know we briefly discussed it, but I do have concerns about a conflict, or at least the appearance of one, due to the accusations leveled against me and my husband in the videos. Since it was announced that I had been tasked with the investigation/review I have seen several news articles drawing attention to this as well as things on social media from Citizens for Justice. I have not dug far enough into the reports to determine if you would be perceived to have any involvement directly or indirectly (as a supervisor), but if so I think it would also be perceived by some as a conflict as well.

If I misunderstood your direction regarding the scope of work please let me know. It is not my intention to take any longer than needed to complete this task. I know it is an ongoing topic in the media and one that the public expects answers on in a reasonable time frame and I want to do whatever you feel is necessary to provide that. Would you confirm if you would like me to proceed with this as I described above, and if so when do you believe it should be completed?

**Jill Schlude****Deputy Chief of Police****Columbia, Missouri Police Department****(573) 874-7421 office****(573) 777-2575 mobile****Twitter: @DeputyChiefJill****Geoffrey Jones** <geoffrey.jones@como.gov>

Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 8:16 AM

To: Jill Schlude &lt;Jill.Schlude@como.gov&gt;

Jill,

I still want you to review it. It is my understanding that the makers of the series have accused several agencies, with the exception of the MSHP, so there is nobody else to conduct the review.

I have asked that the MSHP consider a review and make recommendations if they see something wrong. They have not recontacted me after the initial conversation so I'm guessing they are not willing to review it. I will check again once you are done.

We spoke today and agreed that April 1st will be the deadline for the added review information. Let me know if you run into issues that require more time.

Geoff

Sent from my iPhone

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Geoffrey Jones <geoffrey.jones@como.gov>

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## Manthe review

1 message

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**Geoffrey Jones** <geoffrey.jones@como.gov>

Wed, Mar 13, 2019 at 12:55 AM

To: jill.schlude@como.gov

Jill,

The original date for the Manthe review was set for 2-25-19. I asked for a more in depth review and you needed to attend to some family matters followed by a vacation, so we agreed to extend that deadline. Please have the review submitted by 3-18-19.

Geoff





Geoffrey Jones &lt;geoffrey.jones@como.gov&gt;

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**Here's the Q&A**

4 messages

**Reed, Katherine** <reedkath@missouri.edu>

Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 10:08 AM

To: Geoffrey Jones &lt;Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov&gt;

Cc: "John, Brennan B. (MU-Student)" &lt;bbjcn3@mail.missouri.edu&gt;

Geoff,

I've attached the edited Q&A, which began as a verbatim transcript. We haven't changed a word in your answers, except where you replied "I don't agree with that" in your answer about unconscious bias training. It made it sound as if you don't believe in unconscious bias, and I didn't think that was what you meant, so I inserted your fuller answer to that (from the email answer you gave me).

However, we have used ellipses to indicate where we trimmed (it was way too long – and it's arguably still too long and will have to be cut for print).

**One problem:** In the answer to the question about changes you started working on immediately, you unfortunately just handed me your iPad and I unfortunately didn't take a picture of it. So I don't have a complete list. (You actually promised to send that list to us via email, but who's complaining?)

Has the online citizen reporting system gone live btw? It's been almost two weeks... just wondering if we should write a brief about that today to let people know.

Anyway, please read the attached Q&A and let me know if anything makes your blood run cold. And thank you again for your time and patience with our process. Our plan is to publish tomorrow.

Best,

Katherine

Katherine Reed

Associate professor

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**From:** Geoffrey Jones <Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov>**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 9:43 AM**To:** "Reed, Katherine" <reedkath@missouri.edu>**Subject:** Re: Thank you (and a heads-up)

I just wanted to say thank you for reaching out to me and adding context to the last story. I thought it was fair and balanced.

Respectfully,

Geoff

On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 11:11 AM Geoffrey Jones <Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov> wrote:

10am tomorrow would be best.

On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 7:24 AM Reed, Katherine <reedkath@missouri.edu> wrote:

What time are shift meetings? I used to know but not sure they're the same...

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On Wed, Feb 27, 2019 at 6:32 PM -0600, "Geoffrey Jones" <geoffrey.jones@como.gov> wrote:

You can come to shift meeting? I have had Tons of meetings this week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2019, at 2:08 PM, Reed, Katherine <reedkath@missouri.edu> wrote:

We can come anytime this week – but photo wants you doing something other than sitting at your desk because that's how photographers make interesting pictures.

I imagine you have several events scheduled for this week where you might be out and about, right? Any other options?

Thanks,

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**From:** Geoffrey Jones <[Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov](mailto:Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov)>

**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 at 2:03 PM

**To:** "Reed, Katherine" <[reedkath@missouri.edu](mailto:reedkath@missouri.edu)>

**Subject:** Re: FW: Thank you (and a heads-up)

I don't have one scheduled this week, but maybe you can come another time?

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 12:04 PM Reed, Katherine <[reedkath@missouri.edu](mailto:reedkath@missouri.edu)> wrote:

Geoff,

Can we come and shoot a picture of you during the morning staff meeting?

Thanks,

Katherine

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**From:** "Reed, Katherine" <reedkath@missouri.edu>

**Date:** Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10:59 AM

**To:** Geoffrey Jones <Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov>

**Subject:** Thank you (and a heads-up)

Geoff,

We appreciate you taking the time to sit down and talk with us about such a wide range of subjects. We will probably end up publishing this as a lightly edited Q&A because our readers will want to know more about your views on a variety of subjects — so this is probably the best way to do it. Please look for an accuracy check document in your email within the next few days.

One last request: We'd really like to shoot a portrait of you very soon. Are you out and about at any events today, or could we possibly shoot a photo of you in a morning staff meeting?

By the way, the email address on your business card is incorrect. (You have Geoff.jones@como.gov on it)

Thanks,

Katherine

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To: "Reed, Katherine" <reedkath@missouri.edu>

Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 10:24 AM

I met with IT folks yesterday. There was some issue that pushed back the on-line reporting. I think officers will be able to refer this week, but we are waiting to publicly announce until we have done a soft roll-out and checked the system for errors. I did promise you that email and I forgot. I will find it and forward it in a minute. I will look at the attachment after my 11am meeting.

I hope you are having a good day, please let me know if I can help with anything.

Geoff

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**Reed, Katherine** <reedkath@missouri.edu>  
To: Geoffrey Jones <Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov>

Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 10:40 AM

Thank you!

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**Geoffrey Jones** <Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov>  
To: "Reed, Katherine" <reedkath@missouri.edu>

Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 10:49 AM

I was able to read the attachment before the 11am meeting. It looks good to me.

I hope you have a good day.

Geoff

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Geoffrey Jones &lt;geoffrey.jones@como.gov&gt;

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**Re: Accuracy check for Missourian article - "Police Protected Pimp"**

4 messages

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**Somers, Jennifer (MU-Student)** <jnsm94@mail.missouri.edu>

Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 5:49 PM

To: "geoffrey.jones@como.gov" &lt;geoffrey.jones@como.gov&gt;

Cc: "Mcmanus, Camille (MU-Student)" &lt;camillemmcmanus@mail.missouri.edu&gt;, "Reed, Katherine" &lt;reedkath@missouri.edu&gt;

Chief Jones,

Good evening. My name is Jennifer Somers, and I'm a reporter working on the "Police Protected Pimp" story for the Columbia Missourian. We have revised our story based on your feedback. Please review the following information for accuracy.

Interim Police Chief Geoff Jones confirmed that Deputy Chief Jill Schlude is conducting a review of the series, which he said he had not yet watched all of — though he said he will, should it become necessary.

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In a recent interview, Jones said it's almost certain officers knew about the prostitution at the Vandiver house and he did not dismiss the possibility of an internal investigation. But he pointed out that dozens of police reports were filed in connection with activities at the house over the years.

"If we're trying to hide it or we're complicit in it," he said, "why would we document it?"

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Many sex workers deal with addiction, so arrest isn't always the best way of addressing their problems, Jones said. Charging sex workers for prostitution is a low priority, he said, because the women often need help of all types.

"I'm telling all these cops 'Go out and make the right decisions for the right reasons, arrest who you have to arrest and give services to the people who need it so that we don't have to arrest them,'" he said.

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Jones said the police department cannot reveal the identity of informants, but information regarding drug-related arrests came from others within the house, not just Manthe.

"We're going to take information from whoever's going to give it to us if it helps us solve crimes and catch people who are wanted," Jones said.

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But Wyse's relationship with Kenneth Jones raises questions for Chief Jones, who said he thinks it's one of the reasons Wyse is advocating for a special prosecutor.

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"I'm not going to take someone's video series that they made, with a clear agenda, to me, and take some police action that I don't think is right for the community or the girls who are involved in sex work," Jones said "(Arresting prostitutes) because a defense attorney doesn't like that someone told on his client is not something I'm willing to do. It's not the right thing to do."

Jones, who has years of experience investigating prostitution operations like Manthe's, said it's usually fairly obvious if a woman is being trafficked for sex. But he also acknowledged that less experienced officers might find it difficult to distinguish whether or not a person is being sex trafficked.

He said the Columbia Police Department "could be better" about how it trains officers to approach sex workers in potential trafficking situations. He emphasized that police routinely offer to help women leave sex work.

Thank you,

Jennifer Somers

Reporter, Columbia Missourian

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**From:** "Mcmanus, Camille (MU-Student)" <camillemmcmanus@mail.missouri.edu>  
**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 9:55 PM  
**To:** "Somers, Jennifer (MU-Student)" <jnsm94@mail.missouri.edu>  
**Subject:** FW: Accuracy check for Missourian article -- "Police Protected Pimp"

**From:** Geoffrey Jones <[geoffrey.jones@como.gov](mailto:geoffrey.jones@como.gov)>  
**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 8:53 PM  
**To:** "Mcmanus, Camille (MU-Student)" <[camillemcmanus@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:camillemcmanus@mail.missouri.edu)>  
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Geoff

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On Feb 28, 2019, at 4:59 PM, Mcmanus, Camille (MU-Student) <[camillemcmanus@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:camillemcmanus@mail.missouri.edu)> wrote:

Hello Chief Jones,

My name is Camille McManus, and I'm working on a story for the Missourian with Jennifer Somers, who I've CC'd on this email. We had our editor, Katherine Reed, and a fellow reporter, Brennan John, ask a few questions for us in their interview last week. Our story is about the "Police Protected Pimp" documentary regarding Barry Manthe's brothel and the special prosecutor that attorney Stephen Wyse has requested. The questions they asked for us will not be included in the Q&A they're publishing separate from this story.

We have included the quotes and information we used from that interview below. Please look over everything we decided to put in the story and make sure it all looks accurate to you:

It's almost certain that officers knew about the prostitution, Interim Police Chief Geoff Jones said in a recent interview. But the dozens of police reports filed in connection with activities at the house show that the department wasn't doing anything worthy of a special prosecutor's attention.

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Jones confirmed that Deputy Chief Jill Schlude is conducting a review of the series.

Please let us know if there's anything that is inaccurate or misleading. Thank you for your time!

Best,  
Camille

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**Geoffrey Jones** <geoffrey.jones@como.gov>  
To: "Somers, Jennifer (MU-Student)" <jnsm94@mail.missouri.edu>

Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 7:42 PM

I would like to clarify that I do not know if Manthe told on Jones.

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**Somers, Jennifer (MU-Student)** <jnsm94@mail.missouri.edu>  
To: Geoffrey Jones <geoffrey.jones@como.gov>

Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 8:28 PM

Chief Jones,

We will make sure that is clear. Is there anything else that you noticed?

Jennifer Somers  
Reporter, Columbia Missourian

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**From:** Geoffrey Jones <geoffrey.jones@como.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 1, 2019 7:43 PM  
**To:** Somers, Jennifer (MU-Student)  
**Subject:** Re: Accuracy check for Missourian article - "Police Protected Pimp"

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**Geoffrey Jones** <geoffrey.jones@como.gov>  
To: "Somers, Jennifer (MU-Student)" <jnsm94@mail.missouri.edu>

Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 8:50 PM

No. Thank you for reaching out to me.

Geoff

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Camille

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To: "Mcmanus, Camille (MU-Student)" <camillemcmanus@mail.missouri.edu>

Cc: reedkath@missouri.edu, jeffery.pitts@como.gov, Brian.Adkisson@como.gov

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Geoffrey Jones &lt;geoffrey.jones@como.gov&gt;

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**inquiry about police inquiry**

1 message

**Jeff Pitts** <jeffery.pitts@como.gov>

Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 3:12 PM

To: "Pratt, Pat" &lt;pprat@columbiatribune.com&gt;, "Westmoreland, Charles" &lt;cwestmoreland@columbiatribune.com&gt;

Cc: Steven Sapp &lt;Steven.Sapp@como.gov&gt;, Brian Adkisson &lt;brian.adkisson@como.gov&gt;, Police PIO &lt;policepio@como.gov&gt;

Bcc: Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov

Pat and Charles,

The following is the response from Chief Jones to your questions.

The Deputy Chief is conducting a review of the Citizens for Justice documentary about Barry Manthe and CPD. I do not want to speculate as to what we might find or if an employee may or may not have been involved in misconduct.

In any review of current or past practices, we have opportunities to improve if we find issues. Sometimes the issues are with policy, others with performance. We have the ability in some cases to modify behavior through training and policy changes; when those fail we modify behavior through various disciplinary actions. Although this review is in response to a video series and not a formal complaint, we will look for opportunities to improve if there are areas to do so. We will wait until the review is complete before determining what, if any, action needs to be taken.

I would be speculating as to the intent of the former administration's reasoning for choosing to draft or not draft policy regarding human trafficking. We take seriously our responsibilities in protecting those who are victimized by others. It has been our practice in the past to assign a detective to investigate human trafficking reports and to work with the FBI in these cases. We generally, at a local level, investigate sex workers who are not being trafficked and in the past invited the FBI to join when we investigate prostitution in the event we do uncover sex trafficking.

Confidential informants are necessary for law enforcement to uncover criminal activity, including human trafficking. These individuals chose to cooperate with the agreement that their identities will be protected and for a myriad of reasons: in consideration for reduced charges, the desire to protect others from predatory acts and to protect themselves from being victimized.

There are detriments. Confidential sources are at risk of assault, threats of assault and sometimes murder. Their information is checked for credibility by the police and they are heavily scrutinized by defense attorneys and prosecutors. Not unlike journalists who use sources who remain confidential, we have a responsibility to corroborate the information provided to us and to protect those who are vulnerable because they share the information we need to decrease criminal activity.

These relationships are necessary because the information provided from inside criminal networks is rarely available from people who are not themselves involved, to some degree, in criminal activity.

Geoff Jones

Interim Chief

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All the best,

Jeff

**Jeff Pitts**

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**Re: [Police PIO]: inquiry about police inquiry**

8 messages

**Jeff Pitts** <jeffery.pitts@como.gov>

Thu, Feb 7, 2019 at 10:45 AM

To: "Westmoreland, Charles" &lt;cwestmoreland@columbiatribune.com&gt;

Cc: Police PIO &lt;policepio@como.gov&gt;

Bcc: Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov

Good morning Charles,

In regards to your question about the Citizens for Justice documentary about Barry Manthe. Yes, there is an administrative review of that video and the facts surrounding it which is being conducted by Deputy Chief of Police Jill Schlude.

On Thu, Feb 7, 2019 at 10:15 AM Westmoreland, Charles <cwestmoreland@columbiatribune.com> wrote:

Hello Jeff,

Is the Columbia Police Department currently conducting any sort of internal review or investigation in connection with the Citizens for Justice documentary about Barry Manthe and allegations CPD protected his prostitution operation?

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**Charles L. Westmoreland**

Managing Editor  
Columbia Daily Tribune  
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All the best,

Jeff

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All, we would appreciate a response to Charles quesitons and I have a couple as well. My deadline is noon Tuesday, let me know if that's a problem. Thank you.

In addition:

What is the scope of the investigation, what are you looking for?

If wrongdoing by officers is uncovered, what recourse is available to the department?

Has CPD in recent years, in light of the MeToo movement and former Atty Gen. Hawley's ramping up pursuance of human trafficking crimes, made any policy changes regarding these crimes?

Why are confidential informants important to the mission of CPD and what are some of the detriments?

On Fri, Feb 8, 2019 at 8:33 AM Westmoreland, Charles <cwestmoreland@columbiatribune.com> wrote:  
Here's my email

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From: **Westmoreland, Charles** <cwestmoreland@columbiatribune.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 7, 2019 at 10:56 AM

Subject: Re: [Police PIO]: inquiry about police inquiry

To: Jeff Pitts <jeffery.pitts@como.gov>

Jeff, thanks for the quick response. Who appointed Deputy Chief Schlude to be in charge of this review? When did it begin? Are other CPD officials working with Schlude or is she reviewing the situation independently?

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**Jeff Pitts** <jeffery.pitts@como.gov>

Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 2:51 PM

To: "Pratt, Pat" <pprat@columbiatribune.com>

Cc: Steven Sapp <Steven.Sapp@como.gov>, Geoffrey Jones <Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov>, "Westmoreland, Charles" <cwestmoreland@columbiatribune.com>

Pat,

I have received the email, and am currently working on getting the answers. As always, every attempt will be made to get the answers to you as soon as possible.

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**Pratt, Pat** <pprat@columbiatribune.com>

Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 3:01 PM

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Jeff thanks. Let me know if more time is needed.

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**Geoffrey Jones** <geoffrey.jones@como.gov>

Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 3:33 AM

To: jeffery.pitts@como.gov

Cc: steven.sapp@como.gov

Jeff and Steve - I want to be transparent in our communications with the press, without influencing an ongoing review. I have written what I believe are relevant points to make when addressing the questions presented us, please review in the morning and give me a call to discuss further.

The Deputy Chief is conducting a review and we will discuss her review after it is complete. I do not want to speculate as to what we might find or if an employee may or may not have been involved in misconduct. We will hold comment until we know something without speculating.

In any review of current or past practices we have opportunities to improve when we see issues. Sometimes the issues are with policy, others with performance. We have the ability in some cases to modify behavior through training and policy; when those fail we modify behavior through discipline. Although this review is in response to a video series and not a complaint, we will look for opportunities to improve if there are areas to do so. I have not watched the video series and will wait until the review is complete before determining what if any action needs to be taken.

I would be speculating as to the intent of the former administration's reasoning for choosing to draft or not draft policy.

The answer to the question about the MeToo movement or Hawley's initiatives are, "I don't know". We take seriously our responsibilities in protecting those who are victimized by others. It has been our practice in the past to assign an investigator to investigate human trafficking reports and to work with the FBI in these investigations. We generally, at a local level, investigate sex workers who are not being trafficked. We have in the past invited FBI to sit in when we investigate prostitution in an event to uncover sex trafficking. Although there is a distinction between independent sex workers and sex-trafficking, we see high risk and criminal behavior surrounding both.

Confidential Informants are necessary to uncover criminal activity, including human trafficking, in our community. These citizens chose to cooperate with law enforcement with the agreement that we will protect their identities. These citizens chose to cooperate for a myriad of reasons: sometimes in consideration for reduced charges, other times because they feel the need to protect others from predatory acts, sometimes for financial gain, sometimes to protect themselves from being victimized.

The information collected from confidential sources is never taken at face value without efforts to corroborate facts and circumstances surrounding their claims.

In short- these relationships are necessary because information provided from inside criminal networks is rarely available from people who are not themselves involved, to some degree, in criminal activity.

There are detriments. Confidential sources are at risk of assault, threats of assault, and sometimes murder. They are heavily scrutinized by defense and prosecutors and their information is checked for credibility by the police. Not unlike journalists who use "sources" who remain confidential, we have a responsibility to corroborate the information provided to us and to protect those who are vulnerable because they share the information we need to interrupt criminal activity.

I know this is long. These are issues that can't be summarized in a two-line quote. This is just a brief summary, even if it doesn't seem brief.

Respectfully,

Geoff

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**Pratt, Pat** <pprat@columbiatribune.com>

Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 12:21 PM

To: Jeff Pitts <jeffery.pitts@como.gov>

Cc: Steven Sapp <Steven.Sapp@como.gov>, Geoffrey Jones <Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov>, "Westmoreland, Charles" <cwestmoreland@columbiatribune.com>

Guys please let me know if an additional time is needed on this, or, if we will not be getting a response. Thank you.

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**Steven Sapp** <Steven.Sapp@como.gov>

Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 1:22 PM

To: "Pratt, Pat" <pprat@columbiatribune.com>

Cc: Jeff Pitts <jeffery.pitts@como.gov>, Geoffrey Jones <Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov>, "Westmoreland, Charles" <cwestmoreland@columbiatribune.com>

We should have it out this afternoon Pat. We're working with Chief Jones to proof the responses.

Regards,

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Our mission - To serve the public through democratic, transparent and efficient government.

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Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 1:36 PM

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If a response is in the works, I will be happy to push the deadline until noon tomorrow. So anytime before then is fine.  
Thank you.

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5/3/2019

City of Columbia, MO Mail - Re: [Police PIO]: inquiry about police inquiry





Geoffrey Jones &lt;geoffrey.jones@como.gov&gt;

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**REVISED Statement ( Re: Barry Manthe internal investigation) - Invitation to edit**

2 messages

**Brian Adkisson (via Google Docs)** <drive-shares-noreply@google.com>

Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 11:37 AM

Reply-To: Brian Adkisson &lt;brian.adkisson@como.gov&gt;

To: Geoffrey.Jones@como.gov

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brian.adkisson@como.gov has invited you to **edit** the following document:

 [REVISED Statement \( Re: Barry Manthe internal investigation\)](#)



Here is Geoff's statement with some minor edits (from Jeffery, Sara and me) to make it a little more concise. The overall message has not been changed. Please review and let us know if this is approved. Thanks.

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Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 12:26 PM

To: Brian Adkisson &lt;brian.adkisson@como.gov&gt;

I am good with this.

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## **REVISED Statement ( Re: Barry Manthe internal investigation)**

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In any review of current or past practices we have opportunities to improve if we find issues. Sometimes the issues are with policy, others with performance. We have the ability in some cases to modify behavior through training and policy changes; when those fail we modify behavior through various disciplinary actions. Although this review is in response to a video series and not a formal complaint, we will look for opportunities to improve if there are areas to do so. We will wait until the review is complete before determining what, if any, action needs to be taken.

I would be speculating as to the intent of the former administration's reasoning for choosing to draft or not draft policy regarding human trafficking. We take seriously our responsibilities in protecting those who are victimized by others. It has been our practice in the past to assign a detective to investigate human trafficking reports and to work with the FBI in these cases. We generally, at a local level, investigate sex workers who are not being trafficked and in the past invited the FBI to join when we investigate prostitution in the event we do uncover sex trafficking.

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Geoff Jones  
Interim Chief

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